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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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Re: *Petition of Cinergy Communications Company for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 01-00987

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This is in response to the questions set forth in your letter of January 11, 2002.

1. *On what date certain was the request for negotiation received by BellSouth pursuant to Section 252(b)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996? Please provide a copy of the request if made in writing.*

On May 30, 2001, BellSouth sent Cinergy the attached letter requesting commencement of good faith negotiations to enter into a new interconnection agreement. The letter was sent via certified mail. The certified mail receipt indicates that Cinergy received the letter on June 4, 2001.

2. *How many days had expired between the date provided in response to Item No. 1 and the filing of this petition for arbitration on November 9, 2001? Please provide a detailed explanation of how you arrived at this number.*

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One hundred and fifty-eight (158) days had expired between the date provided in response to Item No. 1 (June 4, 2001) and the filing of this petition for arbitration on November 9, 2001. BellSouth arrived at the 158-day number by simply starting from the June 4, 2001 date on which Cinergy received BellSouth's attached letter and counting forward from that date.

I have discussed this response with Mr. Walker, counsel for Cinergy, and he concurs in this response.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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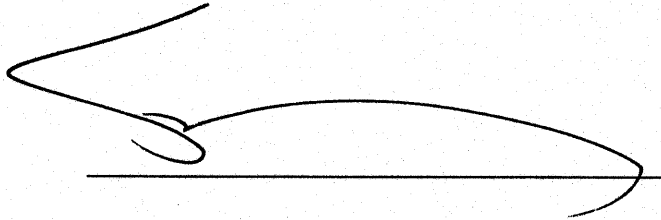
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